

Hammonton Environmental Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Cafiso, Crowley, Menzel, Berenato, Bachalis

Absent: Bethmann, Carr, Hozik, Niedoba

Town Council: R. Rodio

Hammonton Gazette Reporter: Craig Richards

Guests: Suzanne Seckinger and John Bee

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve the August Minutes: Motion: Cafiso; Second: Berenato. Approved by acclamation.

Committee Reports

- Town Council – Rodio; No report.
- Land Use Board – Hozik; No report.
- Green Committee – Menzel; The community garden is winding down. There are 2 pumpkin smash events for composting being planned: dates to be announced. The last community market will be held on 9/27. There will be a road cleaning event on 9/21 and another on 10/19 both at 10 a.m. Green drinks at Ricca's will be held at 6 p.m. on 9/25. Green day will be held on 11/2 at Veteran's Park.
- Parks & Recreation – Cafiso; No report.

Tree Removal Applications:

New Business

1. If anyone is interested in going to the NJ Shade Tree Federation annual conference, please let Dan know. Dan suggested that anyone not core trained consider attending and getting that training.
2. Dan suggested that anyone who can attend the ANJEC annual Environmental Congress do so.

Speakers:

1. Suzanne Seckinger, 529 Pratt St. dropped off a tree permit in person. Mrs. Seckinger was also present to speak about the tree permit process and the importance of it. She was concerned about someone in her neighborhood who was removing trees without a permit and the approval given from the code enforcement office.
2. John Bee was concerned about the closing his property on West End Ave. and the new owners removing street trees. He also asked if the mayor was fined for removing the trees on Bellevue Ave.

Adjournment: 7:41 p.m.